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## Constellation, Meta sign 20- year energy deal

Meta will buy power from Clinton station, increasing plant's output

CLINTON — Constellation and Meta, parent company of Facebook, have signed a 20-year power purchase agreement (PPA) for the output of the Clinton Clean Energy Center (Clinton Power Station) to support Meta's clean energy goals and operations in the region with 1,121 megawatts of nuclear energy.

Beginning in June 2027, the agreement supports the relicensing and continued operations of Constellation's Clinton nuclear facility for another 20 years after the state's rate-payer-funded zero emission credit (ZEC) program expires. The deal will expand Clinton's energy output by 30 megawatts through plant uprates; preserve 1,100 local jobs; deliver \$13.5 million in annual tax revenue; and add \$1 million in charitable giving to local nonprofits over five years, according to Constellation.

President and CEO of Constellation Joe Dominguez said the company partnered with Meta because the company agreed it was just as important to support, relicense and expand existing plants as to find new sources of energy.

"We are excited to partner with Constellation and the Clinton community to ensure the long-term operations of the nuclear plant, add new capacity, and help preserve over 1,000 jobs. Securing clean, reliable energy is necessary to continue advancing our AI ambitions," said Urvi Parekh, Head of Global Energy at Meta. "We are proud to help keep the Clinton plant operating for years to come and demonstrate that this plant is an important piece to strengthening American leadership in energy."

The Clinton Clean Energy Center (Clinton Power Station) was slated for closure in 2017 after years of financial losses, despite being one of the best performing nuclear plants in Illinois. Clinton's retirement was prevented by enactment of the Future Energy Jobs Act, which established a Zero Emission Credit program that provides financial support to the plant through mid-2027. Constellation's agreement with Meta is a market-based solution that essentially replaces the ZEC program and ensures long-term operations of the plant without ratepayer support.

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## New library pavilion dedicated

The Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning for a new pavilion at Vespasian Warner Pubic Library. The pavilion was 100-percent crowd-funded and is available for public use. Pictured, left to right, Children's Librarian Mel Snow, Friends of Warner Library president Katrina Held, and Warner Library District executive director Bobbi Perryman.

## LIHEAP threatened in budget, but some are optimistic

Elimination of energy assistance program listed in pending budget

**Gordon Woods**

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CLINTON — It could become a lot more difficult for many low-income residents in the area to pay their heating and cooling bills if the Senate approves the budget recently passed by the U.S. House.

In the budget, cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) include eliminating funding for LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program), the program that, for decades, has helped millions of people pay their energy bills.

The HHS budget brief claims the savings come from "eliminating radical diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and critical race theory programs, which weaponized

large swaths of the federal government against the American people ..." The brief, essentially, suggests dropping the responsibility for the energy assistance program onto state and local governments.

The LIHEAP program, created in 1981, helps about six million low-income people pay their heating and cooling costs each year. During a House hearing, HHS

Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. said elimination of the program was based on anticipated lower energy prices in the future. But, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, energy prices are expected to increase at least through 2026.

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Those who have not received their tax bill by June 23 should contact the DeWitt County Treasurer’s office at 217-935-7820. Failure of a taxpayer to receive a tax bill does not relieve them of their tax liability.

If a mailing address has been changed, call the Supervisor of Assessments office at 217-935-7800. Any questions on assessments or exemptions should be directed to the Supervisor of Assessments office.

**Tax payments may be made:**

- at any banking institution in DeWitt County
- at the DeWitt County Courthouse 201 W Washington, Clinton (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.Mon-Fri)
- in the drop box at the Northwest end of the Courthouse parking lot
- mailed to PO Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727

The payment coupon attached to the bottom of the tax bill must accompany the payment.

For any further questions, please contact the DeWitt County Treasurer’s office at 217-935-7820.

## Brent Wielt presents genealogy program June 10 at library

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will hold its June meeting on Tuesday, June 10, at 4 p.m. in the genealogy room of the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Brent Wielt, Historic

Sites Manager with the Macon County Conservation District, will present “A Connecticut Yankee in Central Illinois.”

Members and the general public are all welcome to attend.

## IDNR accepting pheasant and wildlife habitat grant apps

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications for the State Pheasant Fund Special Funds and the Illinois Habitat Fund Special Funds Grant programs July 1 through Aug. 1.

The pheasant habitat and wildlife habitat programs enhance the natural environment for pheasant and wildlife through projects developed by nonprofit organizations and governmental entities for conservation. Funding for the State Pheasant Fund Special Funds

and the Illinois Habitat Fund Special Wildlife Funds grants comes from the sale of habitat stamps to sportsmen and sportswomen.

Applicants must register and be current in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act portal. Applications must be submitted online. For additional information, email [susan.duke@illinois.gov](mailto:susan.duke@illinois.gov).

View additional state funding opportunities by visiting the Illinois Catalog of Financial Assistance online.



Katy O’Grady-Pyne / Journal

## Longview Bank marks opening

Chairman of the board of Longview Bank, David Albin, center, prepares to cut the ribbon during a ceremony held Friday, sponsored by the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce to mark the opening of the new bank, located on Rt. 54 west across from Clinton High School. With Albin is Chamber executive director Janice Peterson, as well as several Chamber members, city officials and bank personnel.



Gordon Woods / Journal

## Quilted Keepsakes’ at C.H. Moore Homestead June 1-29

The ‘Quilted Keepsakes’ annual quilt show is currently on display at the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum June 1-29 during regular museum hours, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The exhibit stretches throughout the house and includes a variety of antique, vintage and contemporary examples. All the quilts in this year’s exhibit were loaned from private collections. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-18 and free admission for children ages 5-under and museum members. [www.chmoorehomestead.org](http://www.chmoorehomestead.org). **More photos on page A7.**



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Gerald ‘Jerry’ E. Komnick

CLINTON — Gerald “Jerry” E. Komnick, 78 of Clinton, passed away at 8:03 a.m. on June 1, 2025, at his family home in Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Clinton United Methodist Church, Clinton, with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield. Visitation will be held from 4–7 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton. Jerry has requested family and friends attend services in their favorite Hawaiian or tropical attire.

Memorials may be directed to the Clinton United Methodist Church



or the OSF Foundation.

Jerry was born on March 30, 1947, in Carlinville, Ill., the son of Arthur B. and Marion E. Komnick. He married Rhonda L. Rody on October 6, 1979, in Cerro Gordo, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda L. Komnick, Clinton; children, Matt (Beth) Komnick, Monticello, and Aaron (Katie) Komnick, Clinton; five grandsons, Aiden, Noah, Eli, Theo, and Levi, and brother, Marion A. (Rita) Komnick, Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Phil and David Komnick.

Jerry entered the U.S. Army in 1967, joining the Vietnam Conflict. He became a paratrooper and then an infantry squad leader. He was promoted to Staff Sargent (E-6) and was a Purple Heart recipient for being wounded in action. He was discharged in 1969.

For 28 years, Jerry worked for the Illinois Power Company. Starting in the Purchasing Department at Clinton Power Station during its construction and operation. He then moved to become the Director of Material Management for Decatur Memorial Hospital for 10 years. Jerry was always the happiest on his boat.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

CLINTON — Don C. Niederer, 92, of Clinton, passed peacefully with his wife and family by

his side at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal, at 4:45 p.m. on May 24, 2025.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 starting at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church Great Hall, 308 E. Main Street, Clinton, with a luncheon to follow at noon.

Don was born on July 4, 1932, in Havana, Ill. to Adolph and Edna Niederer. He graduated from Havana High School and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952, where he served on the front lines in the Korean War.

After returning from the Korean War, he traveled throughout many states with his job and met Delores John, in Gering, Neb. They met on June 1, 1956, and he married his beloved wife, Delores, on September 21, 1956.



Together they raised three children, Terry, Randy and Cindy. They were married for 68 years and would have celebrated 69 years in September.

They moved to Illinois in 1961 and lived in Havana, where they opened and ran the Duck Inn Restaurant until moving to Clinton, in 1968, where they have lived since. Don was a quiet man with unwavering love for his wife and children. He enjoyed working in construction, selling insurance for Prudential and Aflac and raising cattle and chickens.

Don was a devoted husband and family man who enjoyed spending time

with his wife Delores and their three children. He loved having wiener roasts with his family and friends in Clinton and picnics along the Illinois River, in Havana.

When his grandchildren arrived, he enjoyed taking them to the local coffee shop, chasing trains through town, teaching them about cows and chickens and finally having his picture taken! He was so proud of his grandchildren and all they are accomplishing in life. He was able to see all of them about a week before he passed away. They brought him immense joy and happiness.

Don is survived by his wife of 68 years, Delores, his children, Randy Niederer, of Rock Hill, Mo., and Cindy (Dave) Stasell of Minooka, Ill., and his grandchildren, Kallie, Grace, Ben and Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his son, Terry Niederer, his parents, two sisters and other beloved family members.

Mary D. Westfall

WAPELLA — Mary D. Westfall, 71, formerly of Wapella, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. surrounded by her family at the Goldwater Care Center, Clinton.

There will be a private funeral mass and burial. Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home has been entrusted with arrangements. A public celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Mary Denice Holland was born on September 2, 1953, to William R. and Ellen D. (Ryan) Holland, in Normal. While attending school in Wapella, Mary was a cheerleader and was crowned Homecoming Queen and Miss Farmer City Fair Queen. She graduated in 1971.

Mary began her career with McLean County Coroners Bill Anderson and Dan Brady, and later



Megan (Tom) Lamkin; grandchildren, Haley (Chad) Hoke, Kaehl Murphy, Maci Kate (Charles Lampe) Johnson, Hannah (Reed Gordon) Morris, Maxwell (Morgan Fortune ) Johnson; great-granddaughter Addison Lampe; siblings Rick (Vicki) Holland and Jim (Shelley) Holland; beloved nephews and nieces; and many cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Eryn

Denice Murphy.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer’s Association.

Mary’s greatest joy in life was her children and grandchildren. She never missed a ballgame or dance competition, and Gram was always up for hosting a weekend sleepover. She will be remembered by all as a special, loving soul, the sweetest person, who brought joy into every room she walked into.

The family wishes to express its sincerest gratitude for the compassionate people who cared for Mary for the past five years at Goldwater Care Center.

Online condolences and memories of Mary may be shared with her family at [kiblerbradyruestman.com](http://kiblerbradyruestman.com).

Dallas Summitt



I wouldn’t change a thing.”

Dallas is survived by his children, Tricia Summitt, Danville, Ill.; Nikolas Summitt, Clinton, and step-son Justin Wilson; his grandchildren, Trevor Blue, Xzavier Cantu, Deeken Summitt, Beaunka Summitt, Izaiah Summitt Suggs, Quentin Summitt-Angelo, Jacie Hidalgo, and Jackie Moore. He

also is survived by five sisters and two brothers, Indianapolis, Ind., and father-in-law/close friend Terry Robinson, Clinton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Dallas’ love for his children and grandchildren was undeniable. Dallas will be remembered and missed by all who loved him, and his sense of humor and smile will be carried on. If he taught anyone anything, it’s, live, live life to the fullest and love BIG.

Please come join us and share your stories and greatest memories of Dallas at Downey Park, Clinton, on June 14, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

1934 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Securities Exchange Act, which established the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

1936 - The first helicopter was tested in a building in Berlin, Germany.

1939 - In Williamsport, PA, the first Little League game was played. Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dair 23-8.

1941 - The U.S. government authorized the seizure of foreign ships in U.S. ports.

1942 - The first nylon parachute jump was made by Adeline Gray in Hartford, CT.

1942 - Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway. The battle had begun on June 4.

1944 - The D-Day invasion of Europe took place on the beaches of Normandy, France. 400,000 Allied American, British and Canadian troops were involved.

1946 - The Basketball Association of America was formed in New York City, NY.

1968 - U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy died at 1:44am in Los Angeles after being shot by Sirhan Sirhan. Kennedy was shot the evening before while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1971 - "The Ed Sullivan Show" aired for the last time. It was canceled after 23 years on the air. Gladys Knight and the Pips were the musical guests on show.

1978 - "20/20" debuted on ABC.

1982 - Israel invaded southern Lebanon in an effort to drive PLO guerrillas out of Beirut.

1985 - The body of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele was located and exhumed near Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mengele was known as the "Angel of Death."

1985 - The U.S. Senate authorized nonmilitary aid to the Contras. The vote authorized \$38 million over two years.

1993 - Mongolia held its first direct presidential elections.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## Power politics

I grew up when civics was taught in our schools. Separation of powers and fiscal responsibility were simply part of the learning process.

We also learned about the European models of parliamentary rule, wherein the party in power controls everything from start to finish. We were taught about debate and compromise and working with others of different political beliefs to obtain an agreement.

That model seems to have gone by the wayside since the 1980s. Today, state and local government across this nation is into power politics, which is the model in Europe. We use terms such as partisan to define it and then allude to the concept that bipartisanship is the preferred model.

The Democrats in Springfield this past Saturday evening provided the classic example of power politics. While I may disagree with their approach to government and the results, I concede they followed the rules now in place and cast very public votes for their cause.

Regardless of your political



persuasions, you have to give the Illinois Democratic Party a grade of A-plus for execution and efficiency in obtaining its goals.

Under Illinois law, the state budget had to be passed by midnight on May31; the legislature would have to pass the budget with super majority approval. The Democrats already have the super majority, but they would not need it.

In true parliamentary fashion, Republican input was not to be present. The Illinois budget was a well-oiled Democratic machine at work, and especially the city folks up there in that northeast section of the state referenced as Chicago and Cook County.

The 3,000 page budget bill

wasn't even provided to the members until about 24 hours prior to the deadline. I know a lot of smart people, but I doubt if any of them could absorb a 3,000 page document and be able to cast an educated vote within 24 hours. No problem. This is Illinois.

The bill was passed by the Democratic-controlled House and Senate with seven minutes to spare and will undoubtedly be signed by Governor Pritzker.

As a student of politics, I have nothing but respect and admiration for the pure efficiency in which the Democrats passed the Illinois budget. Their technique was brilliant.

As a student of government, I am deeply saddened and distressed by this budget and what it portends for the State of Illinois. This \$55.2 billion budget is up \$2 billion from last year's budget.

Governor Pritzker took office in 2019 and this year's budget is up \$16 billion since then. This year's budget was balanced in some respects by increasing the sin taxes, i.e. taxes on tobacco, alcohol

and gambling. That can only go so far.

Additionally, the budget did not fully fund pensions for state employees for the year, which will have to be paid by future taxes. The Chicago Transit System was also to be included in this budget but was left out. That issue will need to be addressed and will cost more tax dollars.

Good politics doesn't necessarily mean good government. If this bill works, then the Illinois Democrats need to be given the accolades. If the bill fails the people of Illinois, then the Democrats need to be held accountable, since this bill is entirely theirs to own.

Whether it is state government, federal government or even your own home, one cannot spend more than what they have in the bank without having a day of reckoning in the future.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native, attorney and former DeWitt County State's Attorney.*

## The monsters among us

Just when you think you've seen it all and that you're basically shockproof, along comes something that makes you wonder how people can do the things they do.

Take the guy who collected years of VA benefits belonging to his uncle. As bad as that is, it's only the tip of the iceberg. The criminal was the caregiver for his uncle, who had severe physical disabilities and was often locked in the garage without access to food or a



by Freddy Groves

bathroom.

The criminal pocketed the over \$9,000 per month in disability compensation, as well as the Social Security the uncle received. Then, when the uncle died, the thief didn't let anyone know, telling relatives the uncle went to live in a nursing home. That left him free to continue to collect

the money and spend it on a lavish lifestyle, vacations, reptiles and, apparently, shotguns -- despite being a convicted felon who could not own guns.

When the scheme fell apart, after relatives started hunting for the nursing home and their family member, police found the body of the uncle in a garbage can in the shed in the backyard. He'd been dead for probably five years.

Can you imagine? I can't. There are questions, of

course.

How was a convicted felon given custodial rights over a disabled veteran, not only his care but his finances? Was the felon not investigated as a fiduciary to manage all that money, with requirements to send reports and answer questions about the veteran?

Where was the family who hadn't seen or talked to their relative since 2018? Did they not visit or at least call on the phone?

Did the VA not check

the veteran in person at least once? Were there no mandatory physical exams to verify that the disability level and benefits were still appropriate? No calls on the phone?

Several balls were dropped during this veteran's life, by family, by neighbors, by the VA. I cannot believe no one checked on him.

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OPINION / COLUMNS

Education on tyranny / Part 1

An autocratic rule, for the most part, is a tyrannical rule with a collection of partisan elements as political doctrine. I will choose an example that I understand best for clarification. That would be autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Autism spectrum disorder, formerly known as Asperger syndrome, is a condition that encompasses several other psychological disabilities (dimensions). At times, these dimensions are even labeled as symptoms rather than traits.

ASD can include obsessive compulsive, dyslexia, short attention span, repetitive routines, high I.Q. and a few others. A person diagnosed with ASD may have a combination of these dimensions but not necessarily all.

On the other hand, tyrannical rule will include the full spectrum contained in fascism. One act leads to another and another until it reaches them all. As a result, autocracy requires an extremist well poised to inject fascism into this autocratic rule.

This is setting the groundwork for an extremist in the nature of a sociopathic dictator. Unlike ASD, it is not due to an inherited set of traits. It is believed to be learned from an unhealthy atmosphere of improper reinforcements. In other words, rewarded by authoritarian mentors for their bad behavior and/or getting away with those bad behaviors. It generates feelings of satisfaction and shows a lack of conscience.

In order to be proficient at winning through dishonesty, they soon learn how to charm people while lying to them profusely with conviction. More likely than not, they are sociopathic with some psychopathic traits, with an obsession for self-glory.

Having a big ego, they thrive on flattery and praise, while at the same time, resenting others being praised. This, in turn, drives them to demand



the spotlight and gain full control over others. They see power and wealth as their tools for gaining all else.

Sociopaths usually conceal feelings of inferiority.

The sociopath or psychopath brings together the other dimensions necessary for a takeover. It must be meticulously orchestrated. This is where a few others might be employed to create an agenda or planning for creating a “guide book.”

An oligarchy, under an autocracy, defines a government run by a select few that becomes ultra-wealthy through governmental favors and contracts. In truth, they do not run the government. They are used by the dictator to support his agenda. To remain wealthy, they must give total loyalty to the dictator and his control. The dictator supports the avaricious of those who support him.

Plutocracy is a government run by the independently wealthy, in general. As a result, it is a government primarily by the wealthy and organized to favor the wealthy regardless of who elects whom. Capitalism is appropriate for defining it, and the economy is paramount in gauging its success. Ostensibly, the United States is a form of plutocracy. The commoner has a vote, but the wealthy are generally elected. Abraham Lincoln proved the exception.

Kakistocracy is government run by what political theorist Hannah Arendt described as “crackpots and fools whose lack of intelligence and

creativity is the best guarantee of their loyalty.” There is generally a central controlling force that galvanizes these people to a cause, be it real or imaginary. Generally, it is an imagined threat such as “immigrant criminals and takeover of jobs.” Hitler used this tactic successfully against the Jewish population.

Sometimes, it is a real threat, such as inflation and a crippled economy due to tariffs. It needs a scapegoat; namely, the opposition.

Ignorant politicians will blindly support and do whatever the tyrannical ruler demands. And in a free election, the dictator needs support from those easily influenced with lies and lacking the interest to learn otherwise. It reflects what Lincoln said in his famous speech from the Clinton square on July 27, 1858. “You can full all of the people part of the time. Part of the people all of the time. But you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” Many times, I have done foolish things out of ignorance. We all have. If we have, we should rectify it.

The dictator might also enlist the ultra-wealthy for support with tax cuts and other favors that jeopardizes the citizenry. The established ultra-wealthy get to plunder those in greatest need since they are generally the most vulnerable. How many of the poor and elderly are able to fight for their Social Security or Medicare?

Children are also vulnerable. Oops, there goes SNAP and Head Start, and let’s not leave out the Department of Education.

Third world children are starving and many dead since USAID has already been eradicated. It makes me ashamed for their sake.

Continued in the next article.

Roger Joss is a life-long Clinton resident and also author of The Culinary Corner.

Requesting accomodations, filing discrimination complaints with Social Security

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Call the agency at 1-800-772-1213 between 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday.

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# CHURCHES

## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hagarites (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Daniel 5, who was holding a great feast when handwriting appeared on the wall? Job, Belshazzar, Hagar, Hanun
3. Where did Jesus cause demons to go out of two men into a herd of pigs? Appii, Assos, Damascus, Gadarenes
4. Who used unfair labor practices at his brick-making establishment? Pharaoh, Silas, Joash, Jonathan
5. What did Nebuchadnezzar dream of that reached into heaven? Tree, River, Ladder, Rope
6. Who fasted 40 days and nights after being fed by an angel? Darius, Paul, Elijah, Ahab

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Belshazzar, 3) Gadarenes, 4) Pharaoh, 5) Tree, 6) Elijah

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalm 37:14

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
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# Area Churches Directory

### Crosspoint of Clinton

412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton  
(217) 935-8627  
Sr. Pastor, Spencer McPheron  
3 p.m.-Sunday worship  
7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer  
7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

### Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

701 S. Mulberry Street, Clinton  
Office (217) 935-5808  
Preschool office (217) 935-4675  
8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
Preschool Tues., Wed. and Thurs. morning and afternoon sessions.

### Clinton Church of Christ

Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton  
(217) 935-5058  
Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher  
[AudioEvangelism.com](http://AudioEvangelism.com)  
[ClintonCofC.com](http://ClintonCofC.com)  
9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study  
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship  
1 p.m.-Sunday worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

**Clinton Presbyterian Church**  
402 N. Center Street  
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
Tel. (217) 935-6178  
Fax (217) 935-6128  
Pastor-Paul Stroup  
[clintonpresbyterian.org](http://clintonpresbyterian.org)  
9:15 a.m.-Sunday school  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available  
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**Clinton United Methodist Church**  
308 E. Main Street  
Rev. Darrell Howard  
(217) 935-5869

[clintonumcil.org](http://clintonumcil.org)  
9 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult  
5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel  
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars  
After School Children’s program (pickup is available)  
3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth  
6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays  
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

**First Baptist Church**  
220 Illini Drive, Clinton  
(217) 935-2032  
[firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.com](mailto:firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.com)  
Jonathan Roberson, pastor  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship  
5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

**First Christian Church**  
100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)  
[clintonfcc.com](http://clintonfcc.com)  
Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.  
First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Nursery available at each morning service.

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton  
Michael A. Taylor, pastor  
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar  
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study  
10:30 a.m.-morning worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

**Kenney Christian Church**  
213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney  
(217) 944-2275  
Ernie Harvey, minister  
9:30 a.m.-Bible study

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

**Lane Christian Church**  
(217) 935-2557  
[www.lanechurch.org](http://www.lanechurch.org)  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-worship  
5:30 p.m.-youth group  
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**Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church**  
502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton  
(217) 935-3727  
Fr. Thomas R. Szydlík, pastor  
[www.OurLadyofthePrairie.org](http://www.OurLadyofthePrairie.org)  
Mass Schedule:  
Tues. - 8:30 a.m. / Wapella  
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Thurs. - 8:30 a.m. / Farmer City  
Fri. - 8:30 a.m. / Clinton  
Sat. - 5 p.m. / Clinton  
Sun. - 8:30 a.m. / Wapella  
Sun. - 10:30 a.m. / Farmer City

**Texas Christian Church**  
8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton  
(217) 454-6846  
[www.Texaschristianchurch.org](http://www.Texaschristianchurch.org)  
Scott Marsh, minister  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-Sunday worship  
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship  
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

**The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
112 N. Monroe St., Clinton  
(217) 731-4005  
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school  
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

**Wapella Christian Church**  
101 N. Poplar  
(217) 731-4404  
Josh Gorrie, minister  
[Wapellacc.com](http://Wapellacc.com)  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-worship

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Answers  
BIBLE WORD SEARCH



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



...Aspire to lead a quiet life,  
to mind your own business,  
and to work  
with your own hands,  
as we commanded you...

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11

Peasant with a Stick by Vincent van Gogh (1881)



NEWS

More surface area

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. As a child, my mother was constantly giving me advice. Even after I got married, she continued advising me.

Funny how one does not see the value in parental advice when young. One of her verbal gems was, “Roger, whenever you make a mistake, correct it first thing so you can advance forward without being incumbered. With that said, I made a mistake.

In my last article, I detailed how ice-cube size can make a big difference. In doing so, I used the making of a Manhattan as my example. However, the recipe I gave was for a highball.

Please realize that I have a limited familiarity with mixed drinks. I neither served as a bartender or studied the subject. I



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

should have been more careful. With that cleared up, let us proceed down the culinary path.

As stated, we covered surface area in regards to cooling with ice. Now I wish to cover “tray cooling” before introducing how surface area affects cooking.

Cooling by air or refrigeration might be our only option if ice is not available. And some food items are not conducive for ice or water.

For example, I would not suggest submerging a cake, bread or cooked meat in ice water. Air cooling works better. Recall the nostalgic scene of the classic apple

pie cooling in the window. For quick cooling of liquids, such as stocks, soups and beverages. Pour them into a flat tray, such as a baker’s pan. The best type would be one of those shallow steamtable food pans. The sides are a little higher than that of a baker’s pan and shallow enough for the air to easily skirt over the liquid. Do not use anything like a pitcher or stockpot. They are too confining.

The amount of heat escaping is directly proportionate to the exposed surface area. If you have taken college physics, then you know there is a formula to prove it based partly on the British thermal unit (BTU). In this case, it would be the amount humidity and temperature drop compared to the liquid temperature against

the ambient temperature per cubic centimeter. Therefore, the surface area does matter the most. Steam evaporation has a cooling affect. In that case, a breeze or fan would help greatly. Even fanning it by hand with a towel can help.

In cooking, the amount of surface area also matters as well as the thickness or depth. If you have not the time to cook a roast, then slice it and spread it out on a greased baker’s pan. A wet towel over it is optional.

Next time you want to roast a whole chicken, try opening it up through the breast bone and cut the ventral ligaments at the thigh joints. Flatten it in a large skillet with grease, brown, cover, and fry/bake on the stove top. Do not forget to season.

Until next time, peace to all.

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A DUMMY REVERSAL

	♠ AQJ ♥ 875 ♦ 7532 ♣ QJ8	
♠ 87 ♥ AJT9 ♦ AK86 ♣ T92	North WestEast Declarer	♠ 642 ♥ K6 ♦ QJT94 ♣ 643
	♠ KT953 ♥ Q432 ♦ ♣ AK75	

None Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

N-S stumble into 4♠ and West leads ♦A. Declarer can count 5 Spade tricks and 4 Clubs. That's 9, where's the 10<sup>th</sup>? A ruff in the "short hand" is a common play for an extra trick, but that won't work here, Dummy has no short side-suits. Any ideas?

Does ruffing the opening Diamond lead generate a 10<sup>th</sup> trick? No, that is a ruff in the long hand, that still leaves us with only five trump tricks. But suppose that Declarer ruffs *three* Diamonds. Now he gets six trump tricks via Dummy's three high trumps plus three ruffs by Declarer (the long hand). In effect, Dummy becomes the master hand, the hand which will be used to draw the enemy trumps after Declarer has got his ruffs.

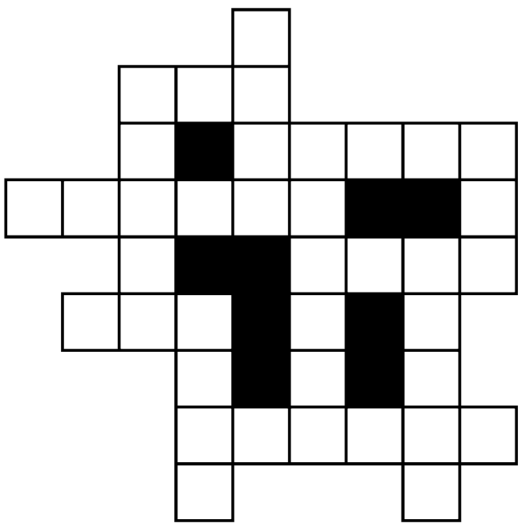
Therefore, the sequence of plays is: ruff the Diamond lead, cross to the ♠Q, ruff another Diamond, cross to the ♠J, ruff a third Diamond, cross to the ♠Q, draw the remaining enemy trump. This line works whenever trumps are 3-2.

The thing to remember here is that Declarer needs *three* ruffs for the Dummy Reversal to produce an extra trick. It's that third ruff which reduces Declarer's trumps to a shorter length than Dummy's. Actually, it would even be possible for Declarer to get a fourth ruff, but there are insufficient entries to take advantage of this. So, 10 tricks it is.

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ABC  
HYNLOU  
GNERI  
YEBT  
♥LEBNEA  
SYO  
VYAN  
INUCT  
♥BNO  
OGEYVA  
♥VLOSA  
RHBE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE** ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART** ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		×		= 35			
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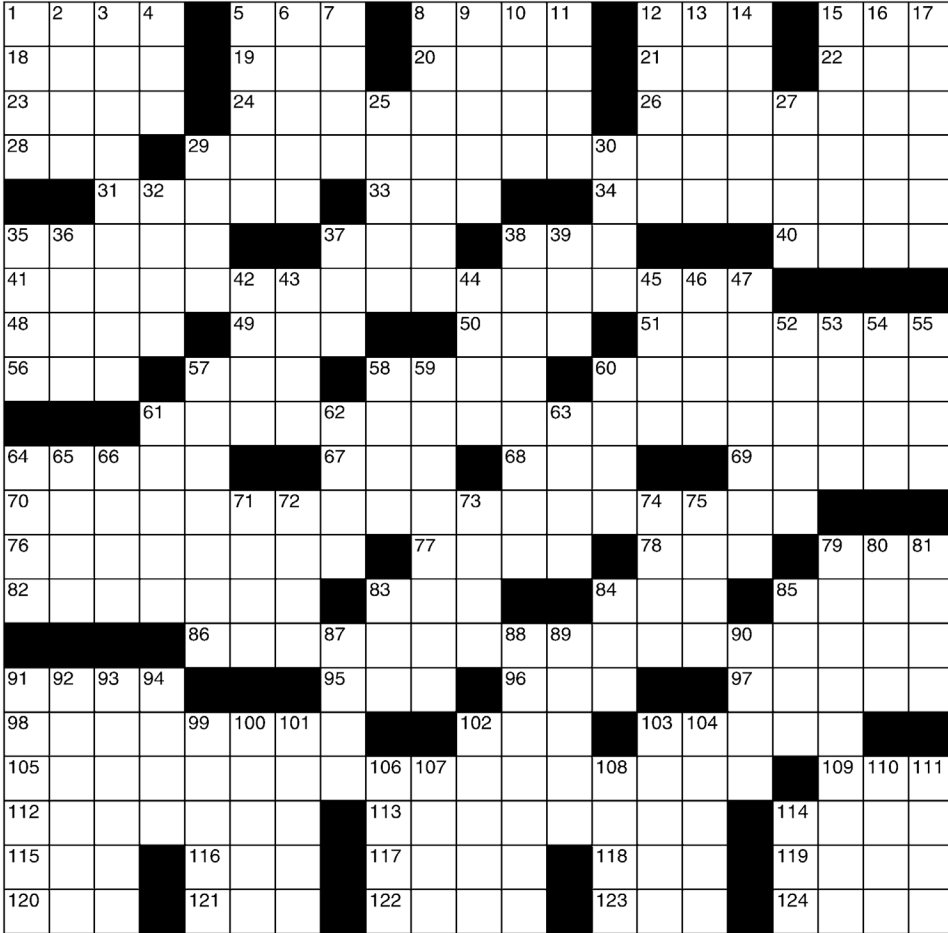
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8 Italian wine region  
12 Blaster's stuff  
15 Young wolf  
18 Italian "Bye!"  
19 "Well now!"  
20 Demonstrate  
21 "Yuk" relative  
22 Enzyme name suffix  
23 Black gem  
24 Absolutely won't  
26 Player of Lou Grant  
28 Jill Biden, — Jacobs  
29 Definition of homophone #1  
31 Name on a thesaurus  
33 Merkel of "Twin Beds"  
34 How goods are sold in most stores  
35 Wearing a disguise, in brief  
37 Gallery works  
38 "Ben- —"  
40 Halts  
41 Definition of homophone #2

- 48 Bloomie's or Barneys rival  
49 Hi-tech address  
50 Tint  
51 Nobles, collectively  
56 Had a bite  
57 "Insecure" network  
58 Personal manner  
60 Ore  
61 Definition of homophone #3  
64 Sponge gently  
67 Suffix with Ecuador  
68 Give the title  
69 600 minutes after noon  
70 Definition of homophone #4  
76 Find an owner for, as a cat  
77 Veers suddenly  
78 Suffix with rocket  
79 GP's, e.g.  
82 Car washers, at times  
83 Drink daintily  
84 ETA part: Abbr.  
85 Hoops tourney org.

- 86 Definition of homophone #5  
91 Aspiring atty.'s exam  
95 Label  
96 Garden tool  
97 Writer Nin  
98 Will certifier, e.g.  
102 Bro or sis  
103 Trail mix muncher, maybe  
105 Definition of homophone #6  
109 However, for short  
112 Sounding off  
113 Pesky annoyance  
114 Little setback  
115 Petting zoo female  
116 "Annabel Lee" writer  
117 Great joy  
118 Petting zoo female  
119 Homophone #1  
120 Homophone #2  
121 Homophone #3  
122 Homophone #4  
123 Homophone #5

- 124 Homophone #6  
DOWN  
1 PC symbol  
2 Script part  
3 Sweet treat that's tied  
4 Chicago White —  
5 Telegraphic code creator  
6 Scarlett's Butler  
7 Large couch  
8 Accedes  
9 Brand of cat food  
10 Lug around  
11 Victorious cry  
12 Robbery  
13 Lowest point  
14 Mere hint  
15 Biblical name of Palestine  
16 Log-on name  
17 Green gem minerals  
25 Road 180  
27 Location  
29 Big name in waffles  
30 Noble Brit  
32 "My mistake!"  
35 "Insecure" co-star Rae  
36 Clutter-free  
37 Feel poorly  
38 Elvis Presley hit  
39 4x4, for short

- 42 — Goldberg machine  
43 Horse's gait  
44 "Mask" star  
45 On — with  
46 Novice, in slang  
47 Goddess of agriculture  
52 Allude  
53 Oodles  
54 "The World According to —"  
55 Like a K-6 school: Abbr.  
57 Top seller  
58 Feigned kissing sound  
59 Producing charged particles in  
60 Film prefix with "Cop"  
61 Insect feelers  
62 Aug. follower  
63 Hubbub  
64 Sweetheart  
65 "The King —"  
66 Weed — (lawn product)  
71 Short-billed rail  
72 Corn coverer  
73 Fat-removal job, for short  
74 Inca's home  
75 Basil, for one  
79 "Band on the Run" singer  
80 Surrealist Salvador  
81 Speaks  
83 Kin of reggae  
84 Mimic  
85 Three trios  
87 To be, to Henriette  
88 More apt to complain  
89 "Check," at a poker table  
90 Dam creation  
91 — Tar Pits  
92 Like some huts or hats  
93 Penitent sort  
94 Safari shelter  
99 Michael of R.E.M.  
100 Singer such as Pavarotti  
101 "Shucks!"  
102 "Yes, —" ("Indeedy!")  
103 Vietnam's capital  
104 Bury  
106 Latvia's capital  
107 Paris hub  
108 Actress — Pinkett Smith  
110 Barbers cut it  
111 Ugly beast  
114 Sow or cow

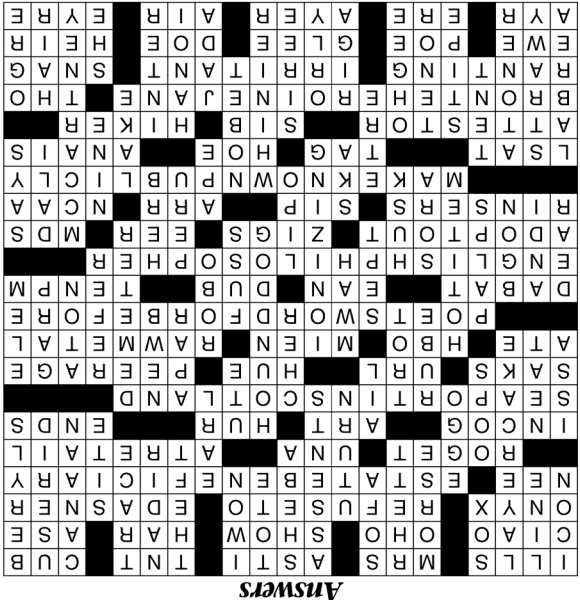
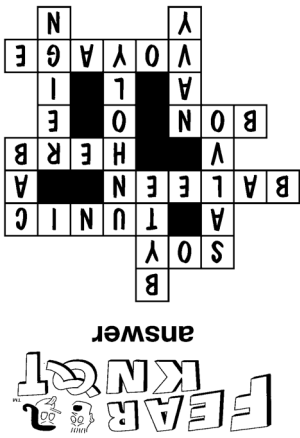


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Go Figure!

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This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Clinton, Illinois on October 24, 2025 at 11 AM before Judge Koritz via Zoom (Meeting ID: 818 3268 2301; Password: 608965), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.  
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Angela L. Tucker, Esq.  
JICTB, INC.  
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07-27-485-005  
Tax Sale Certificate  
No. 202100053  
This property was  
sold on October 19,  
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general taxes for  
the year of 2021.  
A Petition for Tax  
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erty was filed on  
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Your right to re-  
deem the property  
from the sale will  
expire on October  
1, 2025. If you fail  
to redeem by that  
date, the court may  
enter a judgment  
granting petitioner a  
tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Clinton, Illinois on October

LEGAL 20327  
May 30, June 6,  
June 13, 2025

**SALE OF 103  
SOUTH MALT-  
BY STREET BY  
THE VILLAGE OF  
WAYNESVILLE  
ILLINOIS BY  
SEALED BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Waynesville, Illinois, intends to sell a parcel of land, located at 103 South Maltby Street, Waynesville, Illinois.

Sealed bids for the purchase of said property may be submitted to the Village Clerk of the Village of Waynesville, 200 East Second Street, P. O. Box 60, Waynesville,

Illinois 61778 until Friday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m. A copy of the sealed bid is available for pick up at the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall.

Bid opening will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday June 6, 2025 at Village Hall.

The Village of  
Waynesville, Illinois,  
reserves the right  
to reject any and all  
bids.

Any questions concerning the real estate or sale terms may be directed to the following:

Angela West Village  
Clerk 200 East Sec-  
ond Street Waynes-

ville, IL 61778 Ph:  
217-949-3264

LEGAL 20359  
May 23, 30 & June  
6, 2025/

IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR THE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY -  
IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE  
OF LESLIE B.  
GLENNIE, DE-  
CEASED

2025-PR-23

**CLAIM DATE**  
**NOTICE - INDE-**

## PENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent;  
Letters of Office were issued on May 20, 2025 to Annie E. Glennie, 104 East South Street, Waynesville, DeWitt County, Illinois 61778 as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is Yelyzaveta Paskevych of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed  
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 2026 school year**

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Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before December 15, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at

the above address. Dated this 20th day of May, 2025. Annie E. Glennie, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Leslie B. Glennie, deceased

YELYZAVETA PASKEVYCH 6349706 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewitt-countylaw.com

LEGAL 20362 May 30, June 6, June 13, 2025

LEGAL N THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON K. STEVENS, DECEASED 2025-PR-25 CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent; Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2025 to Howard Dean Stevens, 106 S. Aspen Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727. Claims may be filed in the office of the

Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before December 15, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed. The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address. Dated this 21st day of May, 2025.

Howard Dean Stevens, independent executor of the estate of Sharon K. Stevens, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewitt-countylaw.com

LEGAL 20365 May 30, June 6, June 13, 2025

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the DeLand Community Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the United States Post Office, DeLand, Illinois, from and after June 7, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing on said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of July, 2025 at the DeLand Community Fire Protection District Office, DeLand, Piatt County, Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Trustees of the DeLand Community Fire Protection District at a meeting to be held at 5:45 p.m. on the 8th day of July, 2025.

DATED this 4th day

of June, 2025.

Troy Burton Secretary

Prepared by: Amy M. Rupiper of FOLTZ & RUPIPER 114 E Washington Street Monticello, IL 61856 Telephone 217-762-9444 arupiper@foltzandrupiper.com

LEGAL 20367 June 6, 2025

LEGAL

Notice of Public Hearing

Kenney Fire Protection District will be hosting a public hearing at 6:00 PM on July 10, 2025, at the Kenney Fire Station, Kenney, IL, for the purpose of discussing the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. The Tentative Budget and Appropriation is posted at the Kenney Fire Station.

Spencer Thomas Kenney Fire Protection District President, Board of Trustees

LEGAL 20368 June 6, 2025

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online at www.lockerfox.com beginning on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm ending July 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:01-12:03 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton, IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Carl W. Taylor, occupant of space 1F21, items: sports cards, 2 electric heaters, rocking chair, misc. household items, misc. children's items, assorted boxes and totes.

12:01 pm, Jessica N. Paxton, occupant of space 1L36, items: air conditioner, dresser, trunk and misc. household items.

12:02 pm, James R. McPeek, occupant of space 1F17, items: outdoor tools and equipment, bench grinder, tv, headboard, bed and misc.

12:03 pm, Toni L. Glidden, occupant of space 1P13, items: air conditioner, table, baby swing, cabbage patch doll, boxes, totes, and misc.

LEGAL 20370 June 6 and Jun 13, 2025

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Northern Piatt County Fire Protection District serving Champaign, DeWitt, McLean and Piatt Counties, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026, is now on file and will be conveniently available for public inspection at the Northern Piatt County Fire Protection District Fire

House located at 108 N. Washington Street, Mansfield, in the County of Piatt and State of Illinois in said Fire Protection District from after 9:00 a.m, June 15, 2025. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 108 N. Washington Street, Mansfield, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Northern Piatt County Fire Pro-

tection District, at a meeting thereof to be held at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at said location. Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.

/s/ DON DEFFENBAUGH President

Prepared by: Amy M. Rupiper FOLTZ & RUPIPER 114 East Washington Street Monticello, IL 61856 Telephone 217-762-9444 arupiper@foltzandrupiper.com

LEGAL 20371 June 6, 2025

# Celebrating 75 years of 4-H camp magic

Carissa Nelson

University of Illinois Extension

MONTICELLO, Ill. — The 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello is turning 75 — and Illinois 4-H is inviting past campers, friends, and alumni to celebrate a legacy of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable summer memories.

The celebration takes place July 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp, located at 499 Old Timber Road in Monticello, nestled within the scenic Robert Allerton Park. Since 1949, 4-H Memorial Camp has provided youth ages 8 to 16 with transformative summer experiences, offering activities like swimming, boating, archery, rock climbing, arts and crafts, STEM challenges, and more. The camp prides itself on every camper leaving with new skills, stronger friendships, and stories that last a lifetime.


The anniversary festivities begin with an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests of all ages are welcome to drop in and explore camp through hands-

on activity stations, guided tours, historical displays, and memory-sharing areas. Lunch will be available for purchase. No registration is required for the daytime portion of the celebration.

The evening event, which requires advance registration, will feature a catered dinner, alumni reflections, and a traditional campfire complete with songs and s'mores. Seating is limited to 150 guests, and early registration is strongly encouraged.

“This anniversary is more than a milestone, it’s a homecoming,” said Niki Hoesman, assistant camp director at University of Illinois 4-H Memorial Camp. “For 75 years, this camp has been a place where young people grow in confidence, connect with nature, and create lifelong friendships. We’re excited to welcome everyone back to celebrate the stories and memories that make this place so special.”

Tickets and full event details are available on the camp website.



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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT WAYNESVILLE TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 TOWN REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$117,783.33, Replacement Tax-\$4,637.71, Interest-\$159.89, Misc. Income Under \$2500-\$23,833.00 TOTAL REVENUES-\$146,413.93.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Dave Finfrock, Cathy Cisco, Jamie Prestegaard, Deborah Adair, Cindy White, Rory Settles, John Perring, Jesse Furman, Shirley Furman, Randy Furman, Betsy Perring. TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$32,439.10.

TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TORIMA-\$3,140.00, Taxes (SS, Medicare, IDOR)-\$11,786.87, OUT ON A LIMB (Contract)-\$24,000.00, Library portion of tax monies for Social Security/Medicare/Insurance & 19% Property Replacement Tax-\$5,130.22, Fire Department-\$15,000.00, Community Projects-\$16,700.00. Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$19,474.56. TOTAL VENDORS: \$95,231.65.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$127,670/75.

LIBRARY REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$33,334.20, Insurance & Replacement Tax-\$5,130.22, Interest-\$164.13, Grants-\$1,150.40 TOTAL REVENUES: \$39,778.95

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Holly Murphy, Alyssa Fosdick, Ellie Murphy, Mary Freema, Autumn Lee. TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$23,546.58

LIBRARY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Books-\$2,373.69, Utilities-\$5,598.08, Insurance-\$3,031.68, Taxes-\$4,650.28, Supplies-\$3,015.88, Misc Expense Under \$2500 - \$2,147.81 TOTAL VENDORS: \$20,817.42 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$44,364.00

ROAD DISTRICT REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$66,170.98, Property Replacement Tax-\$3,031.84 Interest-\$65.26, Misc Income Under \$2500-\$1,409.00 TOTAL REVENUES-\$79,677.08

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Jesse Furman, Mike Furma, Dave Finfrock TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$2,053.23

ROAD DISTRICT EXPENDITURES: TOIRMA-\$3,269.00, Evegreen FS-\$2,777.21, Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$13,687/98 TOTAL VENDORS: \$19,733.69

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BLDG & EQ	\$ 20,209.08	\$ 4,380.90	\$ -0-	\$ 24,589.98
TOTALS	\$298,059.81	\$ 70,677.08	\$ 21,786.92	\$346,949.97

Subscribed and sworn to this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 by Supervisor/Treasurer Cathy Cisco  
I, Jamie Prestegaard, Clerk of Waynesville Township, DeWitt County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

Legal 20369 June 6, 2024



# Deal / from A1

Meta is purchasing the plant’s clean energy attributes as part of its commitment to match 100 percent of its electricity use with clean and renewable energy.

The agreement with Meta will allow Constellation to add more energy to the grid in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator’s (MISO) zone four territory, covering central and southern Illinois. Under the deal, Clinton will add 30 megawatts of increased output. With the guarantee that Clinton will continue to run for another two decades, Constellation is also evaluating strategies to extend the plant’s existing early site permit

or seek a new construction permit from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pursue development of an advanced nuclear reactor or small modular reactor (SMR) at the Clinton Clean Energy Center site.

Constellation also will invest \$1 million over five years starting in 2026 to support workforce development, social services, education, and local nonprofits in Clinton and surrounding

“Constellation’s Clinton nuclear plant has long been an important part of our local economy, supporting a vibrant community with great jobs, excellent schools and well-resourced fire and police departments,”

said Clinton mayor Helen Michelassi. While many other communities are losing jobs and tax revenues, Meta is investing in our future, preserving good-paying jobs, and driving economic development for decades to come

“This partnership keeps Clinton at the forefront of clean energy while securing jobs and driving local growth. It’s the kind of smart, private investment that strengthens communities without adding taxpayer burden,” said Rep. Sally Turner (R-IL), who represents Illinois’s 44th District in the state legislature.

# LIHEAP / from A1

Area climates play a part in how LIHEAP funds are allocated. For places like the U.S. southwest, a higher proportion of LIHEAP funds goes to help residents with cooling costs. Colder climates tend to see more funds allocated for heating during the winter.

The LIHEAP program already has been severely crippled. Thousands of HHS employees were laid off, mirroring events with other federal agencies, including the entire LIHEAP staff.

Locally, the program

is administered by Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois.

“At this time, I don’t have much insight,” Community Action Partnership CEO Jenifer Deweese told the Clinton Journal. “The President’s proposal is just a proposal and we are all in the same boat waiting to see what is approved by congress.”

Deweese said grantees were advocating for the programs they offer and were encouraging their customers, staff and

communities to “call your representatives and tell them these services are important to them and their communities.”

One bright spot could be the skepticism of experts who believe the budget will not pass the Senate without major changes. Even some Republicans in the Senate have serious reservations about portions of the budget, including the elimination of LIHEAP.

Several members of congress have called on Kennedy to reinstate LIHEAP staff.

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## Weather History

**June 7**  
1907: A violent tornado moved across Washington County, from near Covington to New Minden. Near the tornado's endpoint, 4 people were killed while running to their storm cellar. Another violent tornado in southern Clark County destroyed or damaged every building in Old York. The tornado tracked for 15 miles, crossing into Indiana.  
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2008: A single supercell thunderstorm developed over western Illinois, and moved east to the Indiana border. It produced 8 different tornadoes along its path, including some of the southern Chicago suburbs. Four of the tornadoes were rated EF2 in strength.

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